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LOK SABHA

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GENERAL INDUSTRY MARKETING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Industry Marketing Scheme for setting up Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributorship in rural and urban areas has not been finalised ;

(b) if so, the reasons for unnecessary delay in this regard ;

(c) the number of locations where the said scheme has been implemented ;

(d) the names of locations where the scheme has not been implemented alongwith the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e) : Government have given freedom to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining independent distributorships. However, Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plans for covering semi-urban and rural areas. As on 01.11.2008, OMCs were operating 9378 LPG distributorships in the country. Through these distributorships, OMCs are serving about 1036.9 lakh LPG customers in the country. OMCs have also finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 1340 locations in the country for setting up of LPG distributorships, mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The advertisements for all the locations in the country have been released and selection for the same is in progress as per policy.

The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging land for setting up of godown and other statutory clearances etc.